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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING AGENCY CONSOLIDATION AND THE
CREATION OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CONSOLIDATION STEERING COMMITTEE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established the Health
2 and Human Services Consolidation Steering Committee, which shall
3 make recommendations concerning the consolidation of the
4 Departments of Public Health, Developmental Services, Children and
5 Families, Mental Health and Addiction Services and Social Services
6 into the Department of Human Services over a period of five years.
7 The steering committee shall consist of the following members: The
8 Commissioners of Public Health, Developmental Services, Children
9 and Families, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Social Services
10 and Human Services, or their designees, and the Chief Child
11 Protection Attorney, or a designee.
- 12 (b) The members of the committee shall select the chairperson of the
13 committee from among the members of the committee. The
14 chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of the committee, which

15 shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this
16 section.

17 (c) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
18 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
19 government administration shall serve as administrative staff of the
20 Health and Human Services Consolidation Steering Committee.

21 (d) The committee shall develop a five-year plan for the
22 consolidation of the agencies listed in subsection (a) of this section that
23 would involve the transfer of all affected state employees in
24 accordance with section 4-38d of the general statutes and not permit
25 any state employee to be laid off as a result of such consolidation. Such
26 plan would also ensure that no existing programs of said agencies are
27 affected by the consolidation.

28 (e) Not later than January 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, the
29 committee shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations
30 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
31 cognizance of matters relating to government administration, in
32 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
33 The committee's final report shall be submitted not later than January
34 1, 2015. Any such report shall include recommendations for legislation
35 necessary to implement each step of the consolidation. The task force
36 shall terminate on the date that it submits its final report or January 1,
37 2015, whichever is later.

38 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 4a-82 of the general statutes is
39 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
40 *passage*):

41 (b) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall establish a
42 pilot program, for a term of [four] seven years, to create and expand
43 janitorial work job opportunities for persons with a disability and
44 persons with a disadvantage. Such pilot program shall consist of four
45 identified projects for janitorial work. The program shall create a

46 minimum of sixty full-time jobs or sixty full-time equivalents at
47 standard wages for persons with disabilities and persons with
48 disadvantages and have a total market value for all janitorial contracts
49 awarded under the program of at least three million dollars. In
50 establishing such pilot program, the Commissioner of Administrative
51 Services may consult with the Commissioner of Social Services and the
52 Labor Commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	4a-82(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a steering committee to make recommendations for legislative action for the gradual merging of the Departments of Public Health, Developmental Services, Children and Families, Mental Health and Addiction Services and Social Services into the Department of Human Services, and to extend the term of the pilot program for janitorial work for disadvantaged or disabled persons from four years to seven years.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]